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In re Application of	:	
Widdowson, et al.	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Application No. 10/031,231	:	AND WITHDRAWING THE
Filed: January 17, 2002	:	HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
Attorney Docket No. 36-1535	:	

This is a decision on the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, filed January 18, 2007.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**.

The holding of abandonment is **WITHDRAWN**.

The above-identified application was held abandoned for failure to timely file a response to the non-final Office action mailed June 27, 2006. This Office action set a shortened statutory period of three (3) months. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 10, 2007.

A review of the application file reveals the presence of an amendment, filed December 27, 2006. The amendment was made timely by including a three month extension of time.

In view of the above, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

The matter is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 2611 for consideration of the amendment filed December 27, 2006.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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